

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 686

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Harold V. and Mary Odel Perdue on the celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 1937, Harold Perdue and Mary Odel were joined in holy matrimony in Franklin, Kentucky, and, since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Perdue have been highly respected citizens of the Bethpage community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perdue served with acumen and alacrity as a carpenter with the Tennessee Valley Authority, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work. During World War II, he proudly dedicated himself in service to our country as a member of the United States Navy Seabees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Perdue has dedicated her time and energies throughout the years as a housewife, providing the household with the attention and care it thrived upon; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Perdue's children are Betty Bradley, who is married to Jack, and Dean Perdue, who is married to Lisa; and

WHEREAS, the Perdues are also the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren and the doting great-grandparents of eleven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for seventy years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Perdues' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Harold and Mary Perdue on the celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.